

Judge Raps Attitude Of Teen Offenders

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Concern over the youthful age of criminal offenders appearing in his court was expressed to the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club recently by Judge Philip Pratt.

Judge Pratt, newly-appointed to the Oakland County Circuit Court, was guest speaker at a meeting at which new officers of the organization took over their official duties.

Citing from his pre-trial hearings in December, Judge Pratt pointed out that 94 offenders were 21 years and under, and 36 were between the ages of 16 and 18.

"They come into my chambers showing guns, dressed as though they had just come out of a night club's pit and with the long, uncombed hair," he said, describing their defiant attitude toward authority and discipline.

CLOSE FAMILY LIFE: religious conviction, and discipline by parents were recommended by the judge to combat the juvenile problem.

Judge Pratt credited his own parents with the instilling of a love of law and the principles of

justice which led him into the profession of law.

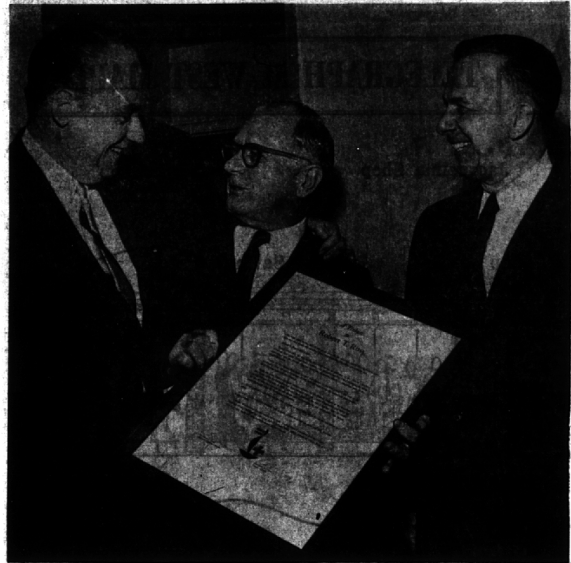
"My parents, who were immigrants, had always taught me pride for my country. They loved this land and in turn gave this love to me," he commented.

The need for citizens to inform themselves on candidates for judicial office was also discussed.

"Without justice you cannot have freedom," he said in impressing the importance of a good judiciary.

MRS. SAM VETTRAINA, new president of the organization, presided at the meeting. Other officers are Eleanor Patton, vice president; Mrs. John Costello, second vice president; Mrs. W. E. Spinning, recording secretary; Mrs. W. E. Wangen, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Harold Rubel, treasurer.

Mrs. Donald Haggie is council delegate. Committee chairman are Mrs. D. C. Bonham, Mrs. Robert Gibb, Mrs. Richard Sloan, Mrs. Barney Bannan, Mrs. Vernon Fitch, Mrs. David Ayers, Mrs. Robert Crayle, Mrs. John Orisman, Mrs. Robert Rugg, Mrs. Robert Sinclair, Mrs. John Hammond, Mrs. Carter Chamberlain and Mrs. Philip Rothwell.



Red Cross Honors A Volunteer

Congratulations are in order for Robert T. Ross (center), immediate past chairman of the American Red Cross, who was recently honored by Detroit's Executive Committee for his volunteer efforts. Offering best wishes are Red Cross committeemen Edward N. Cole (right), 1371 Kirkway Road, Bloomfield Hills, General Motors group vice president in charge of Car and Truck Divisions, and Fred Cody, present Red Cross chairman.

B'ham Youth Among Academy Nominees

U. S. Rep. Neil Staebler (D, Mich.) today announced that he has nominated Noel C. Burnham as one of several outstanding Michigan young men to take the examination for entrance to the United States Naval Academy.

Burnham, 3900 Oakhills Drive, Birmingham, will compete with several other Michigan youths for one of three vacancies at the Naval Academy. Staebler said Burnham was chosen because of his excellent scholastic record and outstanding character. He has already taken and passed a preliminary Civil Service examination.

The Congressman said that he is using the competitive method for filling the several vacancies at each of the Academies, so as to "give each of these young men an equal chance to win their appointment on the basis of ability and merit."

More Time for Loafing In B'ham, Study Shows

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NEW YORK—Most Birmingham residents have more leisure time at their disposal than they ever had. Because of the social and economic changes that have taken place in recent years, the average working man finds himself devoting a much smaller part of his lifetime to making a living than he would have found necessary a generation or two ago.

FOR ONE THING, he doesn't begin working at as early an age as was once the custom. In Birmingham, for example, the average boy completes 15.0 years of school before starting out.

That is more time than his father's, his grandfather spent in school. The result—he begins to work a year or two later.

Also, according to previous standards, his working day is a comparatively short one and the number of years he will work, prior to retirement, considerably less.

THE CHANGES that have taken place are brought out in studies made by the Department of Labor, the Department of Commerce and others.

They show that for every eight hours of work put in today by the average Birmingham man, he is saving three hours in terms of grandfather's work week.

Back in 1910, a man spent 55

hours a week on the job. This has been steadily whittled down to the point where the average now is just below 40 hours.

Applied to the 6,717 local men who are employed, according to the latest Government figures, it is equivalent to 5,131,000 man-hours of additional leisure time per year.

A NEW STUDY on work and leisure by the University of Michigan notes that: "With retirement age moving down toward the early 60's and eventually toward age 55, the total productive life may become 35 or 40 years in the foreseeable future."

All told, taking into account the added years of schooling, the shorter work week, earlier retirement and longer life span, the average working man is putting in 20 fewer years of work on his lifetime than his grandfather did.

On the basis of Birmingham's male working population, it amounts to 138,000 additional years of leisure that may be devoted to self-improvement, sports, hobbies or just plain loafing.

Cite Local Recruit For Clean Berths

Michael J. Halpin, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Halpin of 1424 Ruffner, Birmingham, was graduated from nine weeks of recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

He served as master at arms of his company and it was of his responsibility to maintain a high degree of cleanliness in his company's berthing spaces. In the absence of his company commander and senior recruit petty officers, he was in charge of the company and was responsible for their discipline.

The selection was based on leadership qualities; attention to duty and immaculate appearance. Halpin is a graduate of Seaholm High School.

CMU Graduating Four From Area

Central Michigan University graduated 965 students from their mid-year commencement at its Mt. Pleasant campus, including four from the Birmingham area.

From Birmingham are Martha Louise Kirchick, bachelor of science in education, social science; English; and Dianne Elizabeth Thayer, bachelor of arts in secondary education, sociology, political science.

From Southfield are Kathleen Marilyn Cleary, bachelor of science in home economics, secondary science; and Philip Gordon McCrory, bachelor of arts in accounting, economics.



CHARLES F. ADAMS (left), national chairman for this year's Advertising Recognition Week, confers with Mark F. Cooper, president of the Advertising Federation of America about the yearly campaign designed to acquaint the public and business with advertising's function in a free society.

Local Adman Leads National Campaign

Charles F. Adams, national chairman, recently presented the print and broadcast materials to be used in the 15th annual observance of Advertising Recognition Week, Feb. 9-15, before more than 200 members of the Advertising Association of the West in Bakersfield, Calif.

Adams, executive vice president of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., Bloomfield Hills national advertising agency, told admen that the objective of the advertising recognition program for 1964, as in preceding years, "is to more fully acquaint the general public and business with the role advertising serves in our economy."

THE MASSIVE PROMOTION is designed jointly by the AAW and the Advertising Federation of America. Combined membership of the two organizations includes 180 advertising clubs and 21 national affiliate organizations.

"We expect that nearly all of the country's leading newspapers, magazines, broadcast and outdoor media will unite with us in telling advertising's story," Adams said. According to Adams, whose agency created the materials, all of the print and broadcast advertisements prepared for the 1964 campaign will feature a single theme—"Advertising Is The Voice Of Free Choice."

New School Program Brings Praise From All Concerned

"It can learn much more with different teachers because they all have different personalities."

"I'm bored if I listen to the same voice all day long."

THESE ARE SOME of the candid comments from sixth and fifth graders at Northbrook School who've been taking part in a bold experiment since last fall.

These children change rooms and teachers for each subject just as their older brothers and sisters do in junior and senior high.

That they enjoy it seems evident from their answers to questionnaires last week, after four months of the experiment. More comments:

"**LAST YEAR** at the end of the first I was kind of tired but now I'm not."

"I don't get much better grades."

"I am getting much better grades."

"I don't dream anymore."

"You have more teachers who have a special subject they like to teach."

OF 185 FIFTH and sixth graders at Northbrook, all but one said they liked the change from the familiar grade school classroom and no one complained about giving up recess time for more schooling.

The experimental program, designed by Northbrook principal Robert Riggs and his fifth and sixth grade teachers, is built on three premises. They are:

Children these ages are able to adjust to different teachers and change rooms without difficulty.

It is advantageous to meet other children and to learn that each teacher has a different personality and teaching style.

Teachers, like other people, can do a better job teaching their favorite subject than covering a wide range of grade school topics.

The experiment ties in with the NEA's Project on Instruction, which is fostering improvements in the quality of school programs. Changes in thinking and teaching

are on the way and local schools are doing their part to see that the changes are sound.

Purpose of the experimental program at Northbrook: to discover if children in the last two years of grade school could learn more things more thoroughly—and with high interest—from teachers who specialize in one or two subjects.

A SECOND PURPOSE stems from a problem that has plagued educators for years.

It is this: how do you provide for the few children in each class who have a tougher than usual time in arithmetic or spelling or reading? And, as a counterpart problem, what do you do for the few children in each class who can breeze through arithmetic, spelling or reading insufficiently challenged, not really applying themselves?

As a result of shifting rooms each period, the structure of each class has become so fluid that special attention can be focused on both types of children.

Riggs and his teachers identified the slow learners in each room. They sat down with each child and told him, "You're having a little trouble with arithmetic. We think we know some ways to help you. Let's try it and see."

THIRTEEN CHILDREN from three classes got personalized help from a teacher in a "low math" class. Time for high math and high and low science classes was also found in a busy week.

Classes were small, the program dictated by the students' needs. Result? Eleven of the 13 low math students improved their grades.

"There's so much more to learn now than when these children's parents were in grade school. We have much good material to give kids and they're so eager to learn that we're limited only by time," said Riggs.

Nearly an hour a day is allotted to science, math, language arts and a geography-history combination; gym and music are taught twice a week and art once weekly.

DURING THESE activity periods, teachers in the program get together for planning sessions. The three sixth grade teachers of geography-history, for instance, work as a team, giving tests the same

day and grading on a curve that includes all three classes. And it's important that a teacher of one subject doesn't get overboard on homework if there's a test coming up next day in another subject.

"Although this program means more work for them, teachers like the plan. And because the children are enthusiastic, parents seem to like it, too," Riggs explained.

An unforeseen benefit of the new approach is a decrease in discipline problems. Fewer children are sent to his office, Riggs believes, because there's no tension build-up over a whole morning or afternoon.

Children can ease tensions when switching teachers, subjects and classmates, yet have an association with one teacher for fairly long periods through the day. Feeling close to a teacher is the prime benefit of the conventional, "self-contained" classroom, in Riggs' opinion.

"If the program continues to work as well as it has so far, says Riggs, it will probably be continued next year."

Southfield Moms Ready to March

Organizing the Southfield Mothers' March on Polio, scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 28 is Mrs. Jules Lightstein, 19100 Coral Gables, who has put in years of volunteer service with the group. Here she gives last-

minute instructions for the day-long march to (left) Mrs. G. S. Alum, 19063 Coral Gables; area co-chairman William Kemper and Mrs. C. L. Arkin.

Submarine School Graduates Area Man

Robert M. McKee, electronics technician seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McKee of 32261 Auburn drive, Birmingham, is a member of the 292nd graduating class at Submarine School at the Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Conn.

Graduates of the basic submarine training are assigned to Navy submarines where they undergo several months "on-the-job" training prior to earning their designations as qualified Navy submariners.

DISPLAYS AND equipment need not be removed at the end of a demonstration to make way for the next subject taught. Sixth grade science teacher Richard Kurche, for example, can set up chemistry equipment on his portable lab bench before school begins and leave it up for all three classes.

In a conventional, self-contained room, he'd have to take it down once the demonstration was over to make space for the next subject.

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Ferris Names Dean's List Appointees

The Dean's Honor List at Ferris State College, Big Rapids, includes a number of Birmingham area students for the past quarter. To be named to the List, students must maintain at least a B average while carrying a full academic load.

From Southfield is Harold Kurtz, freshman in the school of general education, and the son of Lewis Kurtz, 19402 Silvercrest.

Also included is Michael Murray, freshman in the school of commerce, son of Lester Murray, 28053 Sunset, Lathrup Village.

The students from Birmingham are Peter Bellie, sophomore in the school of general education, and son of Robert Bellie, 3842 Topview; Donald Bosco, junior in the school of general education, and son of Louis C. Bosco, 6780 White Pine Drive; John Falberg, freshman in the specialized education division, and son of J. S. Falberg, 19468 Dunblaine; Frank Honkanen, sophomore in the trade and industrial division, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Honkanen, 1936 Holland;

Gary Knox, sophomore in the school of commerce, and son of Dr. and Mrs. John Siegel, 4307 Wilkita Circle; William Rice, senior in the school of commerce, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rice, 15146 Silverdale; and Richard Rowe, enrolled in the specialized education division, and son of Richard Rowe, 1694 Baten.

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